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Malone University and Canton City Schools Sign Rental Agreement for Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium

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Mayor William J. Healy and the Ohio Men's Senior Baseball League are pleased to announce a formal partnership with both Malone University and Canton City Schools at Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium. The new partnership consists of a three year agreement for Canton City Schools and Malone University.

"Canton is fortunate to have Ohio MSBL as our non-profit management team for the stadium," commented Mayor, William J. Healy II. "They have eliminated the city's operational costs at the stadium for the past two years and this agreement is another step in the continued redevelopment of Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium. This agreement is a wonderful example of collaboration in our community and we are thrilled to have Canton City Schools and Malone University as partners at the facility."

Under the agreement, the varsity baseball programs of Timken High School and McKinley High School will play their home games at the stadium. Malone University will play all home games and practices at the facility.

"We are thrilled to reaffirm our commitment to the long term sustainability of Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium," said Malone University Head Baseball Coach, Tom Crank. "This is one of the finest baseball fields in the state and a fantastic recruiting tool for our program. We look forward to making the stadium our home for the next three years."

These agreements will help provide funds for the City's goal of creating a three field community baseball complex. The second field is currently under construction and should be available for rental in 2014.

"Canton City Schools (CCS) has a proud tradition of providing the best facilities for their student athletes," stated Ed Rehfus, CCS Director of Sports, Recreation, and Physical Education. "Adding Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium to the Memorial Fieldhouse, C.T. Branin Natatorium, and Fawcett Stadium only strengthens the quality of facilities of our athletic programs. We are also very pleased to partner with the City and Ohio MSBL to reinvigorate a remarkable community asset."

Both agreements will continue through the 2016 baseball season.

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